

# UNCITRAL Colloquium on Navigating the New Era of Digital Finance

Conference room 3, United Nations Headquarters

Day 1 - 20 February 2025 (Thursday)

10.00-10.10	<b>Opening</b>
Panel 1 10.10-11.00	<b>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and other UNCITRAL texts</b>
	Moderator: <b>Ms. Anna Joubin-Bret</b> , Secretary of UNCITRAL
	<b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b> , Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL Secretariat: <i>Overview of UNCITRAL texts on secured transactions</i>
	<b>Mr. Spyridon Bazinas*</b> , Consultant and Lecturer: <i>UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions: preparation and implementation issues</i> <b>Mr. Jean-François Riffard</b> , Professor, Université Clermont Auvergne - École de Droit : <i>One size fit (almost!) all! The transsystemic and comprehensive character of the Model Law on Secured Transactions</i> <b>Mr. Orkun Akseli*</b> , Professor of Commercial Law, Academic Director, Manchester LawTech Initiative, Law School, University of Manchester (Manchester, UK): <i>Secured Transactions Law Reform and Digital Assets</i>
Panel 2 11.00-13.00	<b>Secured transactions reforms by States and international organizations</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b> , Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat
	<b>Implementation by States</b>
	<b>Ms. Clara Guerra</b> , Director for the Office for Financial Market Innovation and Digitalisation (SFID) of Lichtenstein: <i>[topic of presentation]</i>
	<b>Mr. Mehmet Mücahit Arvas*</b> , Part-time Lecturer, Founder at Marvas Legal (Ankara, Türkiye): <i>Türkiye's Journey of Secured Transactions Reform</i>
	<b>Ms. Claudia Solares</b> , Registrar of the Registry of Movable Guarantees, Guatemala, <i>Reformas a la ley de garantías mobiliarias y a la ley modelo de garantías mobiliarias de UNCITRAL</i>
	<b>Ms. Maria Del Pilar Bonilla</b> , Consultant, US-OTA Secured Transaction: <i>[topic of presentation]</i>
	<b>***</b> , Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Business Facilitation Centre: <i>[topic of presentation]</i> (TBC)
<b>Ms. Lana Salameh</b> , Founder and Partner, JC Law (Amman): MENA (TBC)	
Panel 3 15.00-18.00	<b>Digital assets and data as collateral</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Jae Sung Lee</b> , Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL secretariat
	<b>Implementation by international organizations</b>
	<b>Mr. William Brydie-Watson</b> , Senior Legal Officer, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT): <i>Secured transactions and receivables finance - coordinating the UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions and the UNIDROIT Model Law on Factoring</i>
	<b>Ms. Gérardine Goh Escolar</b> , Deputy Secretary General, Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH): <i>Issues of private international law in secured transactions involving emerging assets: the work of the HCCH</i>
	Lunch Break (13:00 – 15:00)

	<p><b>Mr. Neil B. Cohen</b>, Jeffrey D. Forchelli Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School (New York, USA)</p> <p><b>Mr. Giuliano Castellano</b>, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Deputy Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, the University of Hong Kong (HKU) (Hong Kong, China)</p> <p><b>Mr. Henry Gabriel</b>, Professor of Law, Elon University (Elon, USA): <i>The Emergence of Security Rights in Electronic Data</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Megumi Hara</b>, Professor of Law, Chuo University (Tokyo): <i>Security interest in digital assets in Civil law jurisdiction: Can a true proprietary interest exist?</i></p> <p><b>Mr. WooJung Jon</b>, Assistant Professor, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (Daejeon, Republic of Korea) - <i>Security Interests in Digital Assets under Korean Law - Possibility, Limitations and Legal Protection Gaps</i></p> <p><b>Mr. William A. Starshak</b>, Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd.</p> <p><b>Mr. Heng Wang</b>, Professor of Law, Yong Pung How School of Law, Singapore Management University: <i>Digital currencies and secured transaction law - focusing on CBDCs</i></p>
	<b>Reception hosted by Secured Finance Network and Goldberg &amp; Kohn</b>

**Day 2 - 21 February 2025 (Friday)**

	<b>Climate change finance</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Ignacio Tirado</b> , Secretary-General, UNIDROIT
Panel 4 10.00-12.00	<p><b>Ms. Belinda Ellington*</b>, Senior Advisor, International Emissions Trade Association (IETA): <i>VCC market infrastructure and oversight</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Jason Norman Lee</b>, Joint Head, Legal &amp; Regulatory, Temasek International Pte. Ltd.: <i>Financial regulation as a catalyst for the use of VCCs in financing transactions</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Sophia Han</b>, Tax Partner, New York office of Kirkland &amp; Ellis LLP : <i>Project Financing Legal Structuring Landscape for Green Investments</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Shaun Leong*</b>, Cross border dispute resolution specialist</p> <p><b>Mr. Andrea Tosato</b>, Professor, Southern Methodist University</p> <p><b>Ms. Ipshita Chaturvedi</b>, Legal Consultant, International Law Chambers: <i>Regulatory bottlenecks on VCCs as collateral in secured transactions</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Christopher Odinet</b> – Professor, Texas A&amp;M University: <i>U.S. Commercial Law Aspects of the Carbon Credit Market</i></p>
	<b>Registry operation: methods, best practices and technologies</b>
	Moderator: <b>Mr. Marek Dubovec</b> , Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute
Panel 5 12.00-13.00	<p><b>Ms. Mary Gilmore-Maurer</b>, Senior Legal Counsel, Legal, Policy and Markets Department Counsel, VERRA: <i>The Verra Registry: opportunities and challenges for verified carbon credits as collateral for project financing</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell</b>, Full Professor of Commercial Law, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Madrid)</p> <p><b>Mr. Matthew Saal</b>, Digital Finance Specialist, International Finance Corporation</p> <p><b>Ms. Diana Lucía Talero Castro</b>, Secured Transactions Expert Consultant, Senior Associate UVP&amp;A Abogados Colombia: <i>Enforcing e-invoices as digital assets</i></p>
	<p>Lunch Break (13:00 – 15:00)</p> <p>Meeting of the Executive Committee of the <a href="#">Joint Committee for Coordinating and Supporting Secured Transactions Reform</a> (invitation only)</p>
Panel 6	<b>Trade and supply chain finance</b>

15.00-17.00	<p>Moderator: <b>Mr. Yaochen GONG</b>, Associate Legal Officer, Treaty Section, United Nations Office of Legal Affairs</p> <p><b>Mr. Marek Dubovec</b>, Director of Law Reform Programs, International Law Institute: <i>Digital Rights to Payment in Supply Chain Finance</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Richard M. Kohn</b>, Founder, and a Principal of the Commercial Finance Group, Goldberg Kohn Ltd.: <i>Promoting Cross-Border Trade Finance</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Kyrylo Mukhomedzyanov</b>, Project Lead, Financial Sector Specialist, International Finance Corporation (IFC): <i>Agricultural finance: crop receipts as collateral</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Dora Neo</b>, Associate Professor, National University of Singapore (Singapore): <i>Security Interests in Warehouse Receipts</i></p>
17.00-18.00	<b>Roundtable discussion</b>

\* Prerecorded video